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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of oral ex parte communications, Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Alabama, et al., WC Docket No. 02-150

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, I phoned Aaron Goldberger to discuss BellSouth's ex parte of last week in which it admitted that it engaged in illegal and prohibited long-distance marketing in a state or states in which it is not authorized to provide long-distance services. While BellSouth admitted that illegal marketing materials were sent to over 100,000 customers, I pointed out that BellSouth's ex parte was significant for what it didn't say: it didn't identify the state or states in which the illegal marketing occurred and it didn't explain why BellSouth seems to have established a separate LD sales channel for the sales "in states other than GA, LA," made obvious by the fact that there's two different toll-free numbers (GA/LA and other-than-GA/LA) to "take advantage of these special BellSouth Long Distance rates today." I also advised Mr. Goldberger that AT&T would be submitting a more detailed filing on this matter.

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM" followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Joan Marsh

cc: Aaron Goldberger